

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

MAEKAWA et al

Atty. Ref.: 1417-377; Confirmation No. 387900

Appl. No. 10/022,801

Group: 1773

Filed: December 20, 2001

Examiner: Le

For: SPINDLE-SHAPED MAGNETIC ALLOY PARTICLES FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

* * * * *

October 28, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due October 3, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now November 3, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

10/30/2003 HVUONG1 00000011 10022801
01 FC:1201 258.00 0P

10/30/2003 HVUONG1 00000011 10022801
02 FC:1251 110.00 0P

787004